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HUMCO COVID COUNT, MONDAY, NOV. 2:

TESTS
34,451

CASES
571

RECOVERED
547

HOSPITALIZED
37

DEATHS
10

RISK
Minimal

Cases are somewhat sporadic, and contact tracing can be used to control the virus. Take everyday enhanced precautions.

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McKMAC could be 'glue' in new triarchy County, MCSD make three

Jack Durham
MAD RIVER UNION

MCKINLEYVILLE – In the short term, the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC) plans to formalize its relationship with the local services district and will ask for a small amount of funding.

In the long term, the McKMAC may look at the district's latent powers, study incorporation and debate the possibility of creating a local planning commission.

Ruled by a triarchy

The McKMAC discussed the issues at its Oct. 28 meeting, where it looked at ways to improve communication in an effort to deal with a variety of problems, including unhoused people, overgrown landscaping and unsafe roadways.

The discussion highlighted the challenges of solving problems in an unincorporated community without a city hall run by a

city council. Municipal services in McKinleyville are divvied up and essentially controlled by a triarchy.

There's the McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD) Board of Directors, which oversees sewer, water, streetlights, open space maintenance, parks and recreation.



John Corbett

There's the County of Humboldt, which oversees streets, policing and planning in McKinleyville.

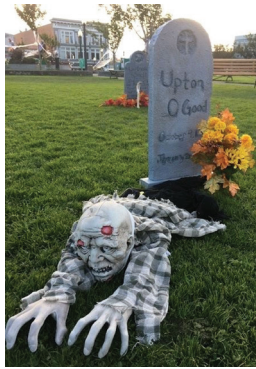
And then there's the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC), which provides input to the county on issues affecting McKinleyville.

The McKMAC may also become something else—the glue that connects all three entities to help solve problems together.

Working with MCSD

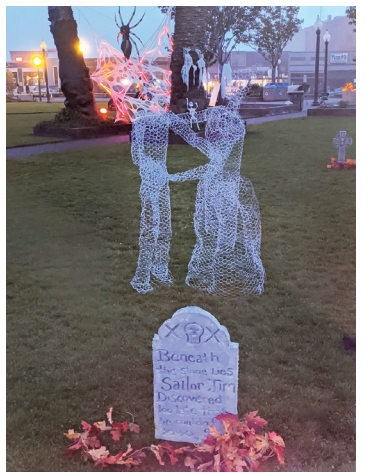
The McKMAC voted unanimously at its Oct. 28

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ARCATA MAIN FRIGHT

SPOOKY SCENES Arcata Main Street's Spooky Plaza Car Parade saw the square populated by goblins, ghosts and sorceresses all under the irresistible spell of AMS's Shoshanna. Sponsored by Umpqua Bank, Eco-Groovy Deals, Hensel's ACE Hardware, Danco and the City of Arcata plus others, prop masters included the Lazon Family, Robot/Sir Queen Robotica and Bernadette Vielbig. Volunteers included the City Council and staff, Arcata Sunrise Rotary, Rotary InterACT Club, Boy Scout Troop 15, Kinetic Universe, Molly Steele and the Arcata Chamber and Hensel's. PHOTOS COURTESY SHOSHANNA | ARCATA MAIN STREET; LEFT PHOTO BY MAIT FILAR | UNION; LOWER RIGHT PHOTO COURTESY ROBERT ADAMS



COVID caution urged through holidays

Humboldt logs 10th death from virus

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – Halloween and Election Day posed fresh potential for coronavirus spread and so do the upcoming holidays as fall transitions to winter.

In a week that saw the county's tenth COVID-19 death, of an elderly resident, Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich gave advice on celebrating holidays, resuming in-

class school and gatherings related to election results.

During an October 29 media availability video, Frankovich talked about the pandemic-era way to celebrate Halloween. State rules forbade door-to-door trick or treating and she said that "obviously the idea this year is not to be going home to home and mixing households."

The state's guidelines allowed

"car-based outings where people do not leave their car" and home-based activities.

Asked for suggestions to those who want to "celebrate or protest election results," Frankovich said the county wants people "not to be gathering ideally" but "if they're in public spaces we want them to be distanced, we want them to use facial coverings and to be careful."

The state had released guidelines on managing polling places

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STEALAWAY CAMP APD officers investigate the West End Road camp. APD IMAGE

West End camp yields stolen goods



Zachariah Walker Dalton

MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – On Thursday, Oct. 29, Arcata Police Department investigated a burglary from the 5200 block of Ericson Way in Arcata, in which tools totaling over \$3,500 were stolen.

APD officers examined the surveillance footage and recognized the suspect allegedly committing the burglary. The

officers knew where the suspect had a transient camp.

On Friday, Oct. 30, officers made contact at the transient camp off of the 4200 block of West End Road and detained Zachariah Walker Dalton, 22, of Arcata.

Dalton is currently on probation out of Humboldt County for

CAMP ♦ PAGE 8

Public Safety Committee reboots

Kevin L. Hoover

MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – Arcata's Public Safety Committee last week moved to regain its footing as a viable group following what had been key resignations and a minor revolt against the daunting workload placed on it by the City Council.

The council on Sept. 2 appointed a new member, David Pate, manager of The Jam nightclub.

"I'm looking forward to participating with this committee to learn more about the workings of city government and how the residents and businesspeople can work together to have a safer community," Pate said.

Also present and participating as members despite having resigned from the committee Aug. 26 were Melissa Lazon and Anjalai Browning, charter mem-

bers of the committee and of its predecessor, the Public Safety Task Force.

Neither responded at the time to questions about why they'd resigned, though Lazon told the committee that the reasons were "personal and complicated."

"They never formally resigned," said Police Chief Brian Ahearn. "It was a pause to press the reset button on the committee given the monumental tasks given them by the City Council."

Though Lazon had served as the committee's chair at the time of her not-resignation, Vice Chair Lettie Harris ran last week's meeting.

"Welcome back to our committee," Harris said to the two returning members.

Election of a new chair and vice chair were on the agenda. Harris was the sole nominee for chair, was unanimously elected and agreed to serve.

Member Jesse Lopez was nominated as vice chair, but he then nominated Lazon. She said she'd be willing, but that Lopez was "super capable."

"We all are," Harris said.

The vote for Lopez was unanimous, however, and he assumed the role.

Harris then offered a statement of direction to the newly reformulated group.

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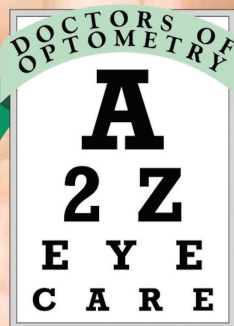
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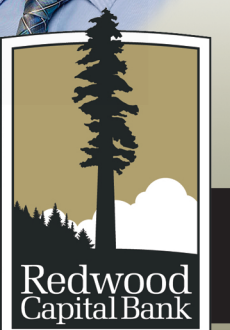
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ARCATA CITY COUNCIL

The Arcata City Council meets Wednesday, Nov. 4 at 6 p.m. Observe the meeting on television on Access Humboldt Channel 10, online by visiting cityofarcata.org and clicking on the See Live Meetings, Agendas, and Archives button on the home page, or on the City's YouTube channel. Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device at [zoom](https://zoom.us/j/93505434439).

[us/j/93505434439](https://zoom.us/j/93505434439). Or join by phone: 1. *67 1-669-900-6833. 2. Enter Meeting ID: 935 0543 4439 Agenda items include the Annual Report from the Transactions and Use Tax Oversight Committee; the Consent Calendar; ; Arcata Police Department's Update on Police Reforms; Approve an

Agreement with Humboldt Waste Management Authority for Receiving and Processing Green Waste and Authorize the City Manager to Execute All Applicable Document; Appoint up to Three New Members to the Economic Development Committee for One Term Expiring September 30, 2021, and Two Terms Expiring September 30, 2023; Conduct a Public Hearing to Receive Input Regarding Unmet Transit Needs and Direct Staff to Forward All Comments to the Humboldt County Association of Governments; Presentation and Discussion on the Redwood Empire Municipal Insurance Fund (REMIF) Merger with Public Agency Risk Sharing Authority of California (PARSAC) to Create the California Intergovernmental Risk Authority (CIRA); Oral Communications; council and staff re-

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ports; and more.

MCKINLEYVILLE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

The McKinleyville Community Services District Board of Directors meets Wednesday, Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. via Zoom and telephone. Zoom Meeting ID: 890 2034 8505 (us02web.zoom.us/j/89020348505) or call toll-free: 1-888-788-0099. Agenda items include the Consent Calendar; North Coast Resource Partnership Grant Application for Community Forest Technical Assistance; Cal OES Power Resiliency Allocation to Special District Program Grant Application; Hazard Mitigation Grant Notice of Interest Applications; Debt Management and Capital Financing Policy Manual Updates; Resolution No. 2020-23 for Review and Applicable Amendments of MCSD Policies and Procedures Related to Governance, Ethics and Board Conduct; Initiate Process for General Manager's 6-Month Performance Evaluation; Resolution No. 2020-24 Changing the Name of the Recreation Advisory Committee;

tee in the MCSD Rules and Regulations to "Park and Recreation Committee" (PARC); Additions of General Public Members to the Community Forest Committee; Direction to Staff and/or Audit Committee to Research and Develop Recommendations to Address Potential CalPERS Unfunded Liability; Reports including Recreation Advisory Committee; Area Fund; Redwood Region Economic Development Commission; McKinleyville Senior Center Board Liaison; Audit; Employee Negotiations; McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee; Humboldt Local Agency Formation Commission; Environmental Matters Committee; AdHoc Community Forest Committee; AdHoc Latent Powers Committee; and more

ARCATA FOREST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Arcata's Forest Management Committee meets Thursday, Nov. 5 at 3 p.m. in the City Hall east side parking lot, 736 F St. The meeting will consist of a tour of Arcata Community Forest 2020 timber harvest sites. Speakers wishing to distribute materials to the City of Arcata Forest Management Committee at the meeting are requested to provide 10 copies to the staff liaison. To maximize public safety while still

maintaining transparency and public access, members of the public may participate in the meeting by meeting in person at City Hall's east side parking lot (off Seventh Street, near the library). Masks are highly encouraged and social distancing is required throughout the meeting and the tour. All tour participants must provide their own transportation to the Arcata Community Forest. Members of the public may provide public comment on an agenda item before the meeting by sending an email to pc@cityofarcata.org. Such email comments must identify the agenda item number in the subject line of the email. The comments will not be read during the meeting, but will be forwarded to the Committee members and included in the written record of the meeting. Any member of the public who needs accommodations should email the City Clerk at bdory@cityofarcata.org or by calling (707) 822-5953. The City Clerk will use their best efforts to provide reasonable accommodations to provide as much accessibility as possible while maintaining public health and safety. The Forest Management Committee's Thursday, Nov. 12 meeting is planned as a field trip to the recently acquired Swaner/Jacoby Creek Forest Addition.

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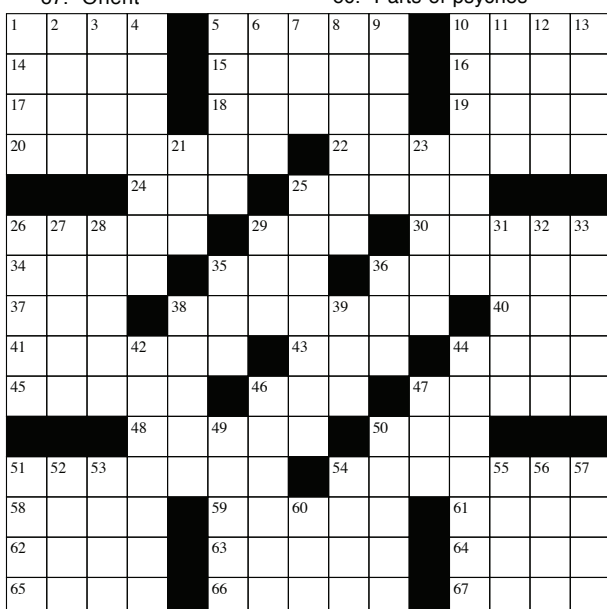
All veterans are invited. Masks and social distancing are required. The ceremony will take no longer than 30 minutes.

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CITY OF ARCATA
ARCATA — The Transportation Safety Committee would like to remind the community that it is the law to wear or carry lights and reflectors at night and in the early morning when walking or biking. With the daylight saving time change on Sunday, Nov. 1, the days became shorter, and it gets darker sooner. Lights and reflectors provide visibility when it is dark, which lowers the rate of nighttime collisions of pedestrians by motor vehicles. Motorists can spot a pedestrian from approximately 500 feet away when light reflectors are used, which allows drivers a 10-second cushion to slow down and ensure they can safely pass pedestrians and bicyclists.

- Here are some additional tips for walking or biking after dark:
- Wear light colors, and avoid wearing dark clothing. Pedestrians should wear light-colored clothing to help enhance their visibility to motorists from dusk to dawn. Wearing light reflectors in combination with light-colored clothing is recommended.
 - Make no exceptions. Many pedestrians and cyclists assume street lights are enough to be seen by drivers, and this is not the case. Lights and reflectors are always the safest bet to remain visible.
 - Always walk on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic.
 - Do not assume vehicles will stop. Make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street.
 - Wear a helmet, use a bi-




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tance of 200 feet. A white or yellow reflector on the front wheel, a white or red reflector on the rear wheel, and reflectorized tires are also recommended.

- Be proactive. Pedestrians and cyclists should always plan ahead in case they find themselves out past nightfall with plans to walk or bike home. Always pack lights and reflectors in a bag and take them with you in order to travel home safely.

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PRIZE-WINNING PLANNER Marcella May with her dog and the “golden bike bell” 2020 North Coast Transportation Champion award on Eureka’s Waterfront. IMAGE VIA CRTP

HCAOG’s Marcella May named transport champ

COALITION FOR RESPONSIBLE TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES (CRTP)
HUMBOLDT – The Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities (CRTP) has named Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG) Executive Director Marcella May the 2020 North Coast Responsible Transportation Champion. May is being recognized for her leadership in planning bicycle, pedestrian and transit improvements in Humboldt County during her years at the helm of HCAOG.

“HCAOG is in charge of regional transportation planning in Humboldt County, and county residents couldn’t have hoped for a better leader at the agency than Marcella,” said CRTP Executive Director Colin Fiske. “She has long recognized the importance of non-motorized transportation and transit for our local environment, economy and community health and well-being. Her leadership in the development of safe and appealing alternatives to driving, from trails to sidewalks to improved bus service, will be felt in Humboldt County for many years to come.”

“It is an honor to be chosen as the recipient of this award,” said May. “All of HCAOG, Christie, Debbie, and Oona have helped me do my job throughout the years. With such a great staff, the next Executive Director will do even better. I am thankful that CRTP is here on the North Coast to assist us all in improving ourselves and those that follow after.”

The North Coast Responsible Transportation Champion award is given each year to a leader who furthers CRTP’s mission of “promoting transportation solutions that protect and support a healthy environment, healthy people, healthy communities and a healthy economy on the North Coast.”

Past recipients include State Senator Mike McGuire and McKinleyville Community Services District Director Mary Burke.

“Regional transportation planning is often unglamorous and thankless work, but it’s critical for ensuring the long-term success of our communities and for our efforts to reduce climate-harming emissions. Marcella’s leadership has been indispensable, and we are extremely pleased to name her the 2020 North Coast Responsible Transportation Champion.”

For more information about CRTP, visit transportationpriorities.org.

McKMAC | ‘Small stipend’ asked

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meeting to have its chair, Maya Conrad, write a letter to the MCSD asking for regular meetings and a small amount of financial assistance.

The committee also voted to have updates from the MCSD as a regular part of its meeting agendas.

The effort to strengthen ties between the McKMAC and MCSD was spearheaded by MCSD Director John Corbett, who stressed that he was addressing the committee as a private citizen.

Corbett suggested that the committee send a letter to the district asking for increased communication, joint meetings and even financial assistance.

“First of all, I want to congratulate the McKMAC,” Corbett said. “You are a roaring, democratic participatory organization in McKinleyville.”

“Compared to our other political entities, right now, I think we have better input to the county Board of Supervisors than any other entity,” Corbett said.

Corbett submitted a letter that included several recommendations.

“My proposals will involve no

new taxes and we’re neutral on incorporation,” Corbett said.

Corbett suggested that the McKMAC ask for a small stipend from the MCSD.

He also recommended that the MCSD board and the McKMAC hold an annual meeting together and that the McKMAC appoint a liaison to the MCSD’s Latent Powers Committee.

Latent powers

Over the years, there’s been a lot of talk about incorporation, but much less about the MCSD’s latent powers.

Under state law, the MCSD could take on a variety of powers, which would allow it to provide additional services, assuming the district found a way to fund them.

Some of the latent powers including planning, police, garbage collection, security, mosquito abatement, transportation and graffiti abatement.

McKinleyville planning commission

Corbett said that if the McKMAC and MCSD agreed that McKinleyville should have its own planning commission, he thought the issue should be brought to Fifth District Super-

HCAOG-sponsored study could bring ‘microtransit’ to how McK’ville moves

Jack Durham

MAD RIVER UNION

McKINLEYVILLE – One of the options that will be considered for improving public transportation in McKinleyville is having an Uber-like service that would pick people up at their homes and transport them to their destination.

This “microtransit” option is one of many possible enhancements to McKinleyville’s public transit system, which is run by the Humboldt Transit Authority.

But before any plan is put in place, transit experts want to get input from current and potential users of the system.

The Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG) has contracted with the Western Transportation Institute (WTI) to conduct a full study of the McKinleyville’s transit needs.

The matter was discussed Oct. 28 by the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC.)

The Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities (CRTP), a local non-profit organization, is assisting with public outreach.

CRTP Executive Director Colin Fiske said that the goal

is for researchers to get input this fall, then bring a draft plan and recommendations to the community in the spring.

People who use or may use public transportation are encouraged to visit mckinleyvilletransitstudy.com or email mckinleyvilletransitstudy@gmail.com

Andrea Hamre, a researcher with Western Transportation Institute, said the study will look at express service, more frequent service, service to the airport and microtransit.

Under the microtransit model, people would have to make an appointment for a ride. Then a vehicle would transport people to their destination and back home, or connect them with a transit line.

Marcella May, executive director of the Humboldt County Association of Governments, said that it’s uncertain how much the microtransit option would cost. The law requires that ridership cover 10 percent of the cost.

“If we go for a kind of mobility on demand thing, an Uberish, I think it’s much cheaper than having a bus run around empty,

but that’s all part of the study,” May said.

May also delivered some good news – there’s money available to improve public transportation in McKinleyville.

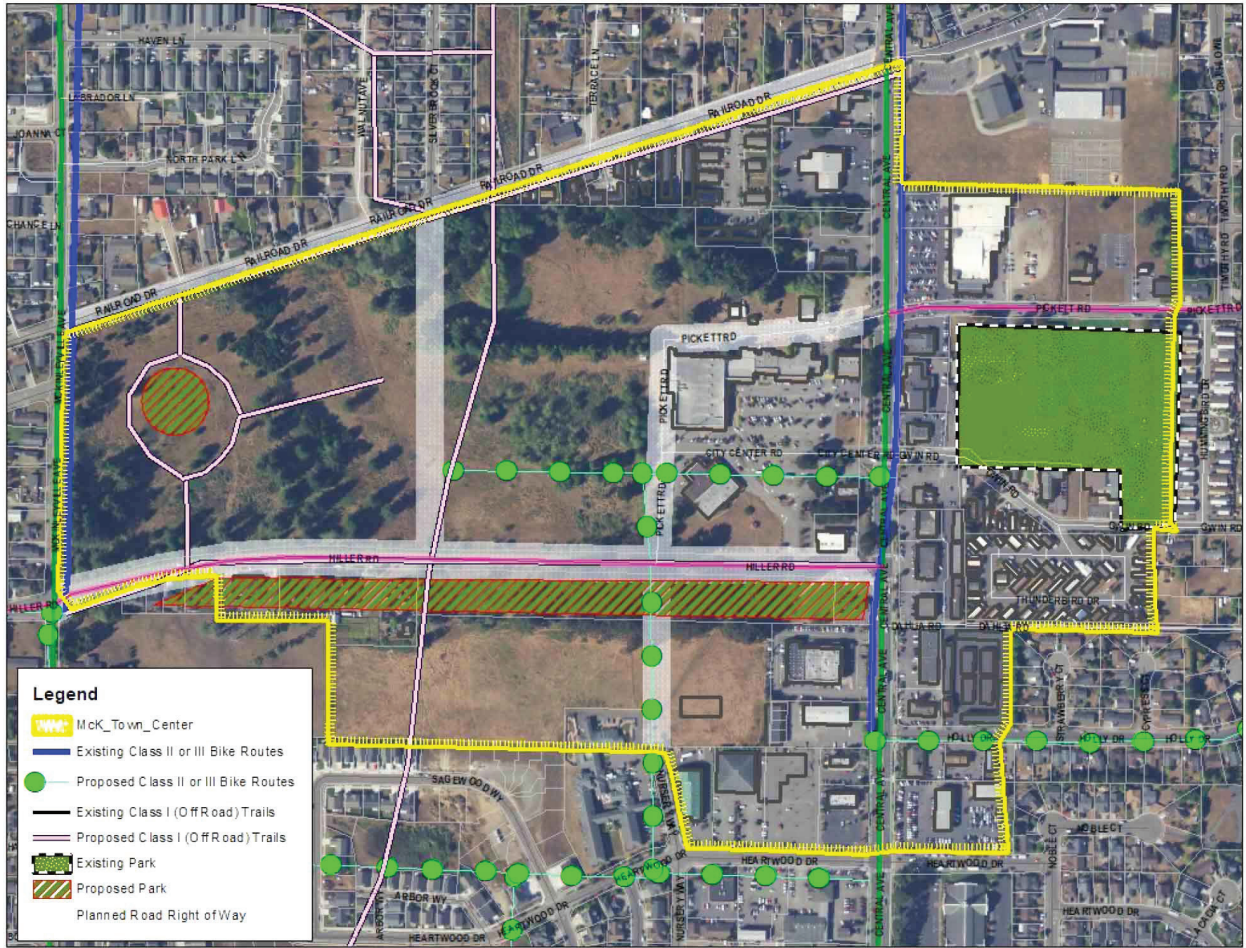
May explained that a quarter percent of sales tax is collected by HCAOG, which takes a small portion of the money and divides the rest between the cities and the counties for transit.

If a community has what are deemed “unmet transit needs,” then transportation money can be used to provide additional service. May said that if there are no unmet transit needs, then the money goes to the county for road and pedestrian improvements.

“So if there is a need in McKinleyville for transit, there is money available to make it happen,” May said.

The transit study is being funded by a \$53,000 grant from the Small Urban, Rural and Tribal Center on Mobility, \$27,000 from the County of Humboldt and \$35,000 from HCOAG.

To comment on unmet transit needs, visit hcaog.net/announcements/unmet-transit-needs-what-would-entice-you-choose-public-transportation.



40,000 FOOT VIEW The McKinleyville Town Center, as seen from on high. COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT IMAGE

McK Town Center about to get more than just marked-up map images

Jack Durham

MAD RIVER UNION

McKINLEYVILLE – After months of delay, McKinleyville is preparing to ramp up planning for the Town Center.

Supervising Planner Michael Richardson told the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC) on Oct. 28 that the long-awaited sketches of what the undeveloped portion of the Town Center may look like will be released at the end of this week.

It isn’t clear exactly where the sketches, prepared by local architect Kash Boordjeh, would be posted. When the *Union* obtains the sketches, they will be posted on the *Union* website at madriverriverunion.com.

The McKMAC will then hold a special Zoom meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 6 p.m. to review the sketches and gather public input.

Richardson said the sketches were developed based on public input gathered at meetings over the last year.

The public and the McKMAC will be asked what

they like and don’t like about the sketches, which will be included in the Town Center plan to help guide future development.

Along with the sketches, the committee and the public will also discuss another major issue for the Town Center – wetlands.

On Friday, Nov. 20, the county will release a draft of proposed wetland policies for the undeveloped portion of the Town Center, most of which is located behind the McKinleyville Shopping Center and on vacant parcels south of Hiller Road.

On Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 6 p.m., a special McKMAC meeting will be held to discuss wetland policies and town center concepts.

Then, on Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 6 p.m., a special meeting will be held to discuss draft Town Center ordinance language related to the sketches.

“That will get us to the end of the year,” Richardson said. “Then we will regroup.”

The Town Center area extends from Pierson Park to McKinleyville Avenue and from Railroad Drive to an area near Heartwood Drive.



Michael Richardson

visor Steve Madrone, who would then bring the matter to the Board of Supervisors.

Projects within McKinleyville that are now considered by the Humboldt County Planning Commission would instead be reviewed by the McKinleyville area planning commission.

The commission’s decisions could still be appealed to the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors.

McKMAC member Kevin Dreyer questioned the need for a local planning commission.

“I really think that’s not going

to be very functional for McKinleyville,” Dreyer said.

“It’s a long-term goal, not a short-term goal,” said Corbett.

Fifth District Supervisor Steve Madrone said it’s too early to look at creating an area planning commission.

Madrone noted that the county is tracking expenses related to McKinleyville.

In about a year, when those numbers are available, the town may want to look at the feasibility of incorporation, Madrone said.

Madrone encouraged increased

communication, which he said could happen immediately.

“How can we, as the government of McKinleyville, which is the county, the MCSD and McKMAC, cooperate to figure out solutions to these various problems,” Madrone said.

“I think we’re going to have some really healthy and engaged discussions,” Madrone said.

The McKMAC will review Conrad’s letter to the MCSD at a meeting sometime this month.

The MCSD Board of Directors may consider the matter at its Dec. 2 meeting.

County supes dealing with cannabis relocation woes

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – Humboldt County’s push to entice cannabis growers out of the hills and into farming areas has at times been met with objections from nearby residents and the Board of Supervisors is considering changes to the program.

Adding permit requirements to the county’s Retirement, Remediation and Relocation (RRR) program was discussed and debated at the October 27 board meeting.

The program seeks to move pre-existing cannabis grows out of sloped areas, areas without legal water sources or without standard road access.

Site remediation is one of the program’s requirements and one of its main incentives is allowing significant increases in growing area at the relocation sites.

Planning Director John Ford said a problem with the program is that RRRs are “being sold as commodities” and are “being assimilated and packaged together into larger grow sites.”

Recent opposition to the program’s relocations has focused on how so-called “stacked” RRRs can impact neighbors.

But Supervisor Mike Wilson noted that one of the program’s main purposes is getting grows out of environmentally sensitive areas and requiring clean-ups – an expense that needs to be recouped for the program to be viable.

“That was understood as the way that some of these clean-ups would be funded,” he said. “The expectation that a landowner would have the all the resources to do some of these pretty expensive clean-ups with no external financing would be a bit unreasonable.”

Board Chair Estelle Fennell acknowledged the need for change.

“We have to find a solution that works, where sites are evaluated for their carrying capacity and for their impacts on neighboring areas,” she said.

There are 57 RRR applicants in the county’s review process. During a public comment session, several of them said they’re

too far into the process – and investing in it – to have it changed with new permitting requirements.

Some said that re-located cannabis grows actually displace conventional farming that is more intense and impactful.

Natalynne DeLapp of the Humboldt Growers Alliance said “stacking” RRRs was part of the public discussion on the program.

“It was expressed as an environmental benefit that developing fewer individual sites with greater cultivation area for multiple people, thereby consolidating impacts, was a benefit over many dispersed cultivation sites,” she said. “The disdain for outside investment is inappropriate.”

She added, “Outside investment is often required to buy new expensive land and clean up old sites – that is the reality, it is a commodity.”

Southern Humboldt resident Robie Tenorio said there are some “good players” involved in the program but questioned why incentives are the response to environmental damage.

“My experience with grows that I know were in the RRR were not families is that they were not here living on the land enjoying our community, they were green rushers who blew it up and there was a lot of environmental damage,” she said. “And if there’s a lot of damage to the land that needs to be remediated why is it the county’s or anyone else’s responsibility to help to make that affordable?”

“I feel that it was criminal behavior and it should have been treated that way,” she continued.

Supervisors considered three options, ranging from maintaining the status quo to prohibiting anything more than two RRRs on a receiving site.

They directed planning staff to develop a middle option, requiring that anything more than two RRRs be subject to a discretionary permit process that would involve notifying neighbors and, potentially, public hearings.

A staff-developed version of that option will return to supervisors for potential action at a future meeting.

Business hours extended for county cannabis dispensaries

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – Cannabis dispensaries in unincorporated areas of the county will soon be able to expand their open hours from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

That will align the county’s regulations with those of the state. The importance of the change was discussed at the October 20 Board of Supervisors meeting.

“Dispensaries in certain areas of the county feel like they can’t necessarily compete with the dispensaries within the cities,” said Supervisor Virginia Bass, who sponsored the agenda item.

Supervisor Mike Wilson noted that the county can still be able to downscale operating hours if circumstances call for it. “I don’t see an issue right now, especially if we can change it later,” he said.

Planning Director John Ford said dispensary approvals are done under discretionary permits and hours “can always be restricted” under them.

Asked if already-approved dispensaries will need to seek county action for expansion of hours, Ford said the new provision can be applied retroactively.

That triggered some discussion on how downscaling of hours would be handled if there are issues with proximity to neighborhoods or other issues. Ford said the conditional use permits required for dispensaries set buffers from residences.

Dispensary permits also include language on the county’s ability to call for changes if issues arise.

During a public comment session, Natalynne DeLapp of the Humboldt Growers Alliance said that dispensary owners have said that “what they’re looking for is flexibility and they’re looking to optimize hours of operation based on their customer base and the seasonality.”

Discussions on the change began last June, she continued, “When it gets dark at 10 p.m.”

She supported the idea of doing a “quick community check-in” and giving the county leeway to make case-by-case adjustments if necessary.

Southern Humboldt cannabis farm operator, who said his products are sold at local dispensaries, also supported the hours expansion and a “discretionary manner” of implementation under county review.

Supervisors unanimously voted to direct planning staff to change the county’s commercial cannabis ordinance to allow the expanded hours and to apply them to existing dispensaries.

Also included in the board’s direction is drafting language defining county control of open hours.

‘Painful conversations’ on CRV buybacks

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – County supervisors have authorized the Humboldt Waste Management Authority to proceed with development of a regional pilot program to revive the moribund California Redemption Value (CRV) program, which gives paybacks for fees on consumer product containers.

Dealing with the challenges of the state’s CRV program was outlined and discussed during the October 20 Board of Supervisors meeting.

The county’s main CRV buyback centers are the Humboldt Waste Management Authority (HWMA) in Eureka, Humboldt Sanitation in McKinleyville and Humboldt Recology in Fortuna and Redway.

Jill Duffy, the authority’s executive director, said pairing CRV services with transfer stations is inefficient due to high overhead, an impediment that’s compounded by the continuing decline of the recyclable commodities market.

The coronavirus pandemic threw another complication in the mix. The HWMA suspended its CRV buyback program and reopened it on September 1.

But not for long. “Overwhelming traffic congestion” impacted HWMA’s operations and traffic generally so the revived program shut down after three days, Duffy told supervisors.

Humboldt Sanitation and Humboldt Recology submitted notices of CRV de-certification to

CalRecycle, the state’s recycling agency, in August and HWMA “reluctantly” submitted its own after being told by the state that the agency could not do CRV buybacks by appointment.

A local and state trend of closure of CRV redemption centers is driven by “the continued and steep decline of commodities scrap value over the last five years,” said Duffy.

She said the HWMA was paying out \$1.65 for a pound of aluminum containers and got 40 cents for it from commodities brokers.

“This payment does not cover the costs of staffing, equipment or shipping the materials to market,” she continued.

The gap for PETE plastic centers is also considerable, with HWMA paying out \$1.28 a pound and getting eight cents a pound.

The losses have been covered by garbage customers, through solid waste tipping fees, with minimal financial support from CalRecycle.

“So part of the question that the public and local elected officials need to ponder is, what is the willingness and the threshold to charge trash customers in order to fund CRV buyback activity and to continue to prop up the state’s CRV program,” Duffy said.

Her request for the county to send a letter to state legislators and the governor demanding “legislative intervention and reform” was supported by supervisors.

The county is a member of the HWMA, which is a joint powers

authority. Another ask was for supervisors to authorize the HWMA to team up with Humboldt Sanitation and Humboldt Recology and proceed with an effort to launch a pilot CRV redemption program.

Supervisors supported that as well but Supervisor Rex Bohn advised residents that it will take at least 180 days for the program to launch.

Supervisor Steve Madrone said it will take “public pressure” to effect change on the state level. He suggested a show of discontent – to take loads of CRV recyclables, minus breakable glass, to Sacramento and dump them at the doors of CalRecycle and the Governor’s Office.

Supervisor Mike Wilson said single use containers are “luxury and convenience items” that are inherently inefficient.

“We do need a component where we really talk about reduction,” he continued. “People are consuming these things and they’re piling up and piling up – but is that really the best way to spend money?”

The question is becoming increasingly relevant as recyclables lose value.

“These are pretty painful conversations that we’re having to have,” said Duffy. “And certainly the current state of the recycling commodities market is driving a lot of really, really difficult conversations.”

Supervisors unanimously voted to approve sending the letters and authorize the pilot program.

Protest & rally all you like, but mask up

HUMBOLDT DHHS

HUMBOLDT – The California Department of Public Health has updated its Stay Home Q&A website, which reflects state orders.

The changes clarify that political rallies are subject to the same rules as political protests, and face coverings are required at both.

Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich supported the updated guidance, saying that whenever members of different households are brought together, the risk of COVID-19 transmission increases.

“It is incredibly important that we work to keep each other safe in every setting. Use of facial coverings, distancing and all of the prevention measures we have talked about have helped Humboldt County keep its positivity and case rates lower than most areas of the state,” the doctor said.

There are specific requirements for indoor and outdoor protests and rallies which may be found on the Stay Home Q&A site. Anyone organizing or planning on attending an event should review the directives carefully to keep themselves and others safe.

For the most recent COVID-19 information, visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) or [cdph.ca.gov](https://www.cdph.ca.gov). Local information is available at humboldtgov.org or during business hours by contacting covidinfo@co.humboldt.ca.us or calling (707) 441-5000.

Humboldt County COVID-19 Data Dashboard: humboldtgov.org/dashboard

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and Frankovich described them as “safe places to visit” with precautions such as masking, distancing and use of hand sanitizer.

The county’s recent case counts have been modest and Humboldt remains in the lowest of four state-designated risk categories.

Frankovich clarified the conditions under which audience events are allowed in counties in the minimal risk tier.

Outdoor gatherings of up to three households are allowed by the state, so performance events of that scale can proceed without county approval. Anything larger needs health department approval.

“So for instance if you want to have an outdoor concert with up to 100 people in a (minimal risk) tier, there are guidelines about what that has to look like in terms of the performers and masking and distancing, how attendance is handled, all of those things,” said Frankovich. “So right now we’ll be looking on those individually, if those events are being planned, and approving them on a case-by-case basis.”

Asked about recent concerns about live music shows held indoors in Eureka, Frankovich acknowledged them and said there are similar concerns about indoor gatherings in Arcata.

“From our perspective, a lot of this does go to the issue of live performances indoors, which currently are not allowed under existing orders,” said Frankovich. “And I completely understand the frustrations and urge to move forward on this, but they’re simply not allowed at this time.”

She added that when the health department fields complaints about indoor shows and gatherings, they’re forwarded to

the county’s Sheriff’s Office and Code Enforcement Unit as well as the state’s Alcoholic Beverage Control unit.

An advantage of staying in the minimal risk tier is that it allows school to resume classroom learning without county approval.

“Frankly, I’m encouraged that they’re doing so,” said Frankovich, who is a pediatrician. “I think all of us would love to see kids in school.”

Although some schools don’t have the space or capacity for safe in-person teaching, Frankovich believes “it’s the ideal learning environment for children and I’m

hopeful that we’ll be able to keep kids in school rather than having them distance learning for prolonged periods of time.”

Moving into a higher-risk tier doesn’t necessarily trigger the closure of onsite learning but it “clearly makes it much more difficult to navigate, if we’re seeing lots of cases and we’re having to quarantine lots of exposed individuals.”

As of press time, the county had confirmed a total of 571 cases. There was an additional hospitalization last week, bringing the total number of local hospitalizations to 37.



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On Sunday, November 8 at 11 a.m., the festival will offer its series of Bach’s Cello Suites with a performance from Karl Knapp of the Suite No. 3



Cello Suite No. 4 from his home in Fairbanks, Alaska, and Brezina will be joined by pianist Ian Scarfe in performances from their soon to be released new album, *Violin Romances*.
On Saturday, Nov. 22 at 11 a.m., the festival will again welcome an international performer, this time Owen Weaver, a percussionist based in Bergen, Norway.
Also on the program will be San Francisco cellist Hannah Addario-Berry performing Bach’s Cello Suite No. 5 in C Minor.
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Week 33. We've got another little dog available this week. Junior is pretty cute! He looks like a miniature cattle dog, though more likely he is actually a Chihuahua mix.

Six-year-old Junior would be a great match for someone who needs a smaller dog but wants the get up and go of a full-size model. Junior has the speed and stamina for a brisk walk, perfect for these cool fall days.

Though a little shy at first with new people, Junior is actually quite self-assured and confident. He is comfortable around the other dogs, big or small, and is not a yapper.



❖ DOGTOWN Mara Segal

stature, we have tall, lean Finley, a handsome two-year-old, black-coated mutt mix. Finley came to the shelter missing some fur and short on leash manners.

In the six weeks that he has been a shelter resident, he has grown out his luxurious coat and made a good start on his obedience skills.



Finley



Junior

Junior enjoys exploring his surroundings, will play a little fetch, and likes being petted. He is not a clingy dog and prefers walking on his own feet to being carried. If you've been looking for a fun small dog, come meet Junior!

In contrast to Junior's shorter

Finley has also impressed us with his unconditional dog friendliness. He seems to like them all, big or small, male or female. Scarlett and Fancy from last week's column are dying to meet him! As soon as everyone is healed up from their recent spays and neuter, we'll be arranging some play

What Finley lacks in previous experience he makes up in enthusiasm. Once he catches on to a new skill he is happy to demonstrate it for all of his volunteer friends.

dates with this group.

Finley's lineage is anyone's guess. He is listed as Border Collie and Akita, though he could be German Shepherd or something completely different. Though easily the tallest dog in the Adoptable wing right now, he only weighs in at about 57 pounds. Finley has so much potential and will really shine with a little more training.

Junior and Finley are available through the Humboldt County Animal Shelter. They are neutered, micro-chipped and current on their vaccinations. If you would like to meet them or any of their many friends, call the shelter at (707) 840-9132 Monday through Friday to make an appointment.

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911 system failures prompt emergency declaration and spending

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – As Humboldt County works to fix a 911 communication system that is “rapidly breaking down,” more work needs to be done than expected and paying for it has been approved under an emergency resolution.

The worrying failures of the county’s 911 communications infrastructure prompted an emergency declaration at the October 27 Board of Supervisors meeting.

According to a written staff report, “Over the past year, the county has experienced dramatic failures of the radio infrastructure causing sheriff deputies and first responders to be without radio communications.”

After the county commissioned a study of the situation two years ago and developed a plan to correct it, the Motorola company was contracted to fix the system. Sheriff

Billy Honsal said that “money was aside” to fund the overhaul, which includes rehab of eight transmission and reception sites.

The plan set forth a project to “do what was necessary, as we knew at the time, to fix these repeater sites so we could have a radio system with built-in redundancy and also the ability to transmit countywide,” Honsal said.

Now that Motorola has begun its work, “We have found that there are other things that have gone wrong with our radio system,” he continued.

With the emergency spending, the cost of the \$5.5 million project will increase by nearly \$500,000 plus \$175,000 for new mobile radio infrastructure and consultant’s fees.

The county has formed a group to work with Motorola on the project and its leader, Sheriff’s Capt. Bryan Quenell, said the

mobile radio gear will help with “some of the coding requirements that are now upon us.”

He summed up the system’s problems. “We’ve reached a point where the radio system is unreliable,” he said, adding that the Sheriff’s Office doesn’t have any radio communication in the Shelter Cove or Orleans areas.

The communication blackout is widespread on occasion.

“Within the last couple weeks, our radio system has gone down on more than one occasion for long periods of time which means there’s no communication from our 911 center to the units in the field,” Quenell said. “Which is obviously a huge public safety concern and an officer safety concern for us.”

Supervisor Mike Wilson described the new expense as a “significant change order” but one that’s focused on essential

infrastructure. Quenell said the work that’s being paid for “gets us through the upgrades and the implementation of the new radio system.”

Supervisor Steve Madrone noted that the added cost will be covered through the county’s General Fund but Honsal said there’s potential to use Measure Z funding if this year’s allotments aren’t completely spent.

Use of asset forfeiture money was also discussed but Honsal said that pool of money has seen a “significant decrease” in the last two years.

Although supervisors described the cost change as significant, they agreed that the project addresses an emergency situation.

It affects fire, medical emergency responders and the county’s roads division as well. Board Chair Estelle Fennell emphasized

the project’s immediate need.

“Looking at the outlying areas that very often need your help, even in cases like wildfires or storms not to mention cases involving violence, it’s really, really important for that connectivity to happen,” she said. “This is a major public safety issue.”

Supervisors unanimously approved the contract change order and the emergency declaration, which allows the county to go ahead with the added work without going through a competitive bidding process.

Also approved was the emergency resolution, which states that the 911 communication system failures are “sudden, unexpected, and pose a clear and imminent danger requiring immediate action to prevent the loss or impairment of life, health, property, or essential public services.”

South Dakota kidnapping suspect arrested in McK

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

McKINLEYVILLE – On Oct. 29 at about 1:22 a.m., the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office Emergency Communications Center received information that a suspect wanted on kidnapping charges out of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, was possibly staying in the McKinleyville area.

Cody Leigh Gutzmer, 39 of Sioux Falls, reportedly unlawfully took his two children, a toddler and an infant, and fled

to Humboldt County.

Deputies located vehicles believed to be associated with Gutzmer outside a home on the 1800 block of Maplewood Drive.

Through further investigation, deputies confirmed that Gutzmer was inside the residence with the two children.

At about 9:45 a.m., deputies announced themselves at the residence and Gutzmer surrendered for prosecution.



Cody Leigh Gutzmer

peacefully. The children were located unharmed and were placed in protective custody.

Gutzmer was booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on a felony warrant for fugitive from justice (PC 1551(a)) in relation to the Sioux Falls kidnapping investigation. He will be extradited to the state of South Dakota

McKinleyville traffic flipoff ends in knifing

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

McKINLEYVILLE – On Oct. 27, at about 4:24 p.m., Humboldt County Sheriff’s deputies were dispatched to the 1100 block of Chance Lane in McKinleyville for the report of a stabbing victim.

Deputies responded to the area and made contact with the 34-year-old male stabbing victim, providing lifesaving first aid until medical crews arrived.

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burglary and grand theft. Officers searched the area he had control over, located the stolen tools and additionally located a stolen generator from a previous APD-reported burglary report in the camp.

The property was returned to the rightful owners.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions at the Humboldt County Correctional Facility, Zachariah was issued a citation for 487(a) PC, Grand Theft, and 459 PC, Burglary.



LOOT Stolen items seized at the West End Road camp. APD PHOTOS

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HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

HUMBOLDT – If you use security cameras outside your home, you could play an important role in solving crime and keeping your neighborhood safe. The Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office is encouraging residents within the unincorporated areas to register their home security cameras online with HCSO.

When a crime occurs in your neighborhood, the Sheriff’s Office will be able to quickly identify the locations of nearby residential video cameras that are registered with our agency. Deputies will then contact those community members for assistance to collect video evidence related to the crime that may help in the identification, arrest and prosecution of a suspect.

As part of this process, the Sheriff Office does not access

your video surveillance remotely nor does the agency have direct access to your cameras. Deputies will only be able to access video evidence if provided by the community member. Your information will be stored in the Sheriff’s Office’s secure Computer Aided Dispatch System and will only be used if deputies must identify nearby security cameras to assist in the investigation of a crime. Your information will not be made public and will only be used for the purposes outlined above.

To register, go the Sheriff’s Office’s Citizen RIMS Portal at hcsocrimegraphics.com/2013/default.aspx.

Once at the portal, select the “Security Camera Registration” tab on the left-hand side of the screen. Enter the requested information and select “Submit.”

More of man’s inhumanity to man, woman and whatever else roams into his general vicinity

• **Thursday, September 17 12:54 p.m.** Yes, the backpacker across from City Hall was yelling at passersby, but at least he was screaming obscenities.

1:29 p.m. A backpacker with a bicycle tire attached helped himself to a sandwich and a drink from a 13th Street store, then walked out in his hoodie that said “Hustle.”

1:41 p.m. On being bitten by a dog at Stewart School, the victim kicked the toothsome pooch. This enraged its frizzy red-haired owner, who then kicked his car. Since the car couldn’t kick anyone, lacking legs and a neocortex and stuff like that, it ended there.

2:51 p.m. A man threatened customers and punched a commercial vehicle on South G Street, to little apparent avail.

6:42 p.m. A man in a camo jacket and facial piercings lie on the ground near a fence along a Marsh trail, digging at a wound in his finger with a knife, oh dear. Emergency forces responded.

• **Friday, September 18 12:13 a.m.** At the front door of a Valley West motel, refusing to leave.

7:02 a.m. At the hospital starting arguments, refusing to leave.

8:04 a.m. Inside a fenced-off area at the Community Center, refusing to leave.

8:52 a.m. Cash, a credit card and gift cards left inside an unlocked car on Old Arcata Road helped keep a nocturnal doorhandle tryer in business.

3:08 p.m. Despite the evocative nature of the offense – defrauding

an innkeeper – all the two man and a woman did at a Plaza tavern-restaurant was walked out on the remaining \$25 of their bill.

3:38 p.m. A man at the center of a vortex of trash yelled and aimed his middle finger at war-torn innocent passersby at a Samoa Boulevard business. That he was sitting under a No Trespassing sign provided a marginal but much-needed womp-womp factor.

7:43–8:23 p.m. Three deer were observed at Grotzman Lane and Crescent Way, one of them limping severely. They made their way to Buttermilk Lane, one looking very much as though its leg was broken. They then vanished.

• **Saturday, September 19 1:67 a.m.** After a smashing sound was heard at Stromberg Avenue and Alliance Road, a woman said, “What are you doing?”

9:53 a.m. Those must-have staples of Larson Park recreation – a knife and some pills –were seen on the ground near an unoccupied camp.

12:30 a.m. A cab driver took a passenger to the dead-end at Fourth and D streets, where he punched her in the face and drove off in another vehicle, which she was able to describe.

3:29 p.m. A hiker got lost in the Arcata Community Forest, but was able to communicate with rescue forces due to cellular telephone

technology.

6 p.m. A man parked in a red zone on East 12th Street went ragey-ragey when this was pointed out.

6:57 – 6:59 p.m. Little lest tires turned up in the roadway on Samoa Boulevard and Sunsat Avenue.

10:01 p.m. As a woman deposited money at the drive-thru window of a G Street bank, a young man on a mountain bike buzzed about around her in the parking lot. She asked him to leave, but the insolent punk in loose-fitting clothing refused, and resumed circling her in menacing fashion.

11:31 p.m. As a woman walked at 11th Street and Janes Road, a pickup truck with three bikes mounted on the back drove by, then turned around and drove slowly past her as she pretended to be on the phone. She thought it was the same vehicle that had done this five days previous, when she was on her bicycle.

11:46 p.m. A man stole a woman’s duffel bag at Union Street and Bayside Road.

11:56 p.m. A man went into a 13th Street store swigging from an open container of the alcohol, which you just don’t do. On top of that, he wanted more. Turned away, he and his open flask of grog got into a dark-colored sedan and drove off.

• **Sunday, September 20 1:43 a.m.** Yelling.



4:30 a.m. Speaking nonsensically.

6 a.m. Loudies in the park.

8 a.m. Yelling.

8:03 a.m. Yelling.

11:51 a.m. Yelling.

12:33 a.m. Yelling.

3:49 p.m. Yelling.

4:43 p.m. Another walking, talking, raging Plaza stereotype – shirtless, with camo pants – wanted to fight the world, but would settle for whatever unlucky randos crossed his path as surrogates.

4:51 p.m. “Now you have COVID, too,” sneered one lad to another after coughing in his face.

5:31 p.m. Yelling by the Loo.

8:09 p.m. A Valley West pizzeria with a theme recalling heroic myths and legends of the Middle Ages found itself denuded of a tip jar, with the sticky-fingered scoundrel brandishing a large pole at the manager. Rather than joust with Sir Swipes-a-lot, pizza officials tracked his progress to a nearby burger palace, where he plunked down with a duffel bag and red sleeping bag to count his ill-gotten change. And was busted.

11:24 p.m. A man stared at someone on the corner of 12th and M streets.

• **Monday, September 21 9:35 a.m.** A camper lived on a downtown business’s grounds all week-end, and though less than a block away from the Portland Loo, peed and shat all over the place.

9:44 a.m. A man near the softball dugouts at the Community

Center toiled furiously on four new-looking bicycles, breaking them down for parts. The make-shift mechanic must have had an city Encroachment Permit, for he exercised personal authority over the public grounds, telling someone to leave unless he wanted to buy a bike and noting that the selection was about to improve, as he had more men out scouring Arcata for more bikes.

11:06 a.m. A man’s orange mountain bike was stolen from the back of his vehicle near the Community Center the previous day. He said he’d located it at a campsite near Aldergrove Marsh, but it was under guard by the camp’s security forces. He stood by as a police officer came and cited someone for possession of stolen property.

2:09 p.m. A man at a Valley West laundromat refused to wear a mask or leave until police-persuaded.

2:15 p.m. A roving opportunist’s day was brightened by discovery of the wallet with cash and cards in an unlocked car on Janes Road. Buoyed by this donation, he went on to bilk the owner of more cash at two banks.

2:45 p.m. An Alliance Road apartment complex has an ongoing issue with a resident who keeps fiddling with the fire extinguisher.

8:38 p.m. A woman strenuously complained that her cabinet kept hitting her in the head, and said she wanted her mom.

COVID hitting Latinx communities especially hard due to structural inequity

No sanctuary from COVID-19

Humboldt County is a Sanctuary County that gives increased security to all our residents regardless of their citizenship status. It allows immigrant families that include a mix of U.S. citizens, legal residents and undocumented members, to stop suffering the fear of being separated. But unfortunately the Covid-19 pandemic has shown further risks to our Indigenous Latinx community.

A CDC study (reported by Rachel Treisman of NPR) conducted in August found that immigrants from Latinx American’s are hit disproportionately harder by workplace outbreaks. The study looked at workplace outbreaks in certain industries in Utah between March and June and found that nonwhite workers made up 73 percent of the COVID cases, despite representing only 24 percent of the workforce.

The CDC concluded that systemic social inequities have resulted in the overrepresentation of Latinx and nonwhite workers

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in frontline occupations where exposure might be higher. NPR has reported that these groups make up a greater share of the confirmed coronavirus cases than their share of the population in much of the country.

These racial disparities in workplace outbreaks are likely driven by long standing health and social inequities. Latinx have less options to telecommute, less flexible work hours, often are not offered sick leave and might have to hold multiple jobs to help support their family members. Suggesting that the exposure of our relatives from the South is much greater than that of their White counterparts.

Locally this issue was highlighted by County Health Officer Teresa Frankovich in June, 2020 when reported that 11.3 percent of Humboldt County residents are

Hispanic or Latinx but they make up 23.6 percent of the COVID-19 cases in the County. Recent data now shows that approximately 33 percent of the COVID cases are amongst Latinx, a 10 percent increase.

A factor in the spread of the virus locally amongst the immigrant community includes the reluctance of undocumented workers to seek medical assistance from public entities for fear of being reported to ICE agents.

The Sanctuary law precludes reporting resident status but we must help spread the word that all residents are entitled to medical care and especially when it concerns the coronavirus and the health of our community as a whole.

Our Department of Health and Human Services should continue to increase its mitigation efforts. They need to understand the cause of the disproportionate infections among our Latinx immigrant communities and reinforce the prevention programs by

using culturally and linguistically appropriate materials, using bilingual public service announcements, explaining what services are available, and emphasizing that the migratory status can’t be reported.

Consequently we must do our best to provide support to our immigrant families during the pandemic, because there is no Sanctuary from COVID-19.

For more information please contact Centro Del Pueblo at cdphumboldt@gmail.com.

Note: Historically, the population of interest has been given various terms some of them include Hispanic, Latino/a, Latin, etc.

For the sake of clarity, we’ll use the term Latinx, which encompasses all immigrant people of Latin American descent currently living in the U.S.

Brenda Perez, Karen Villa, Jeff Blanck
Centro del Pueblo
Humboldt

Kinetic Sculpture Lab reaching out for assistance in hard times

KINETIC SCULPTURE LAB

ARCATA – This Halloween fell on a Saturday night and was also the first Blue Moon (second full moon within the same month) on Halloween since 1944.

This would have been the perfect setup for the annual “Haunted Kinetic Lab of Horrors,” one of the community’s favorite Halloween events.

Unfortunately, due to the coronavirus pandemic, it will not be happening this year so the Lab is asking the community for help.

Those of you who are fortunate enough to have experienced it in the past know it is an incredibly entertaining and frighteningly funny freak show built and run by the same artists and creative engineers that participate in the annual Kinetic Grand Championship.

The Kinetic Sculpture Lab has been in Arcata since 1992 and has contributed more than 100 memorable entries for the Kinetic Sculpture Race over the years, many of them fan favorites.

The Lab is also a hub for racers, both locally and from out of town, offering a place for racers to gath-



KINETIC KASH KALL Visit [GoFundMe.com](https://www.gofundme.com/c/kash-kall), “The Kinetic Sculpture Lab needs your help” to help the merry funsters meet their \$20,000 goal.

VIA [GoFundMe.com](https://www.gofundme.com/c/kash-kall)

er and register before the race. It is also an excellent place to learn and get ideas for those interested in building an entry.

Local vehicle rack company Yakima sponsored the race and the Kinetic Sculpture Lab during the

1990s. When Yakima relocated out of the area, a brief sponsorship from Wing Inflatables enabled the Lab to continue for a short time after which we were on our own. Several creative fundraisers were initiated over the years culminat-

ing with our first ‘Haunted Kinetic Lab of Horrors’ 15 years ago. It has been a huge success enabling the lab to pay its bills and continue serving as the region’s biggest and best Kinetic “hub.”

In 2019, PG&E’s Public Safety

Power Shutoff (PSPS) shut down the area’s power the Saturday night before Halloween, cancelling the Lab’s biggest night of the season. This year, COVID-19 is the frightening culprit for putting the kibosh on our fundraiser.

In order to pay our rent, utilities and insurance we need help from the community to continue providing the kinetic expertise, smiles and laughter necessary to support one of the area’s longest-standing traditions, the Kinetic Grand Championship.

For more than 50 years, the “triathlon of the art world” held in Humboldt County has brought worldwide recognition and countless tourist dollars to the area.

If you would like to help, please make a financial contribution.

With gratitude,
Ken Beidleman
June Moxon
Robert Thoman
Todd Williamson
Malia Matsumoto
Lush Newton
Lucas Thornton
Billy Pinnix
Jenny Weiss

Princeton Review names Humboldt State one of the greenest

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY

HUMBOLDT STATE –An education services company features HSU in *The Princeton Review Guide to Green Colleges: 2021 Edition*. Released on Oct. 20, and accessible for free at princetonreview.com/green-guide, the guide profiles 416 colleges.

The Princeton Review chose the schools based on a survey of administrators at 695 colleges in 2019-20 about their institutions’ commitments to the environment and sustainability. The company’s editors analyzed more than 25 survey data points in the process of choosing schools for the guide.

“We strongly recommend HSU to students who want to study and live at a green college,” said Rob Franek, The Princeton Review’s editor-in-chief. “Each and every one of the outstanding colleges in this edition of our guide offers both excellent academics and exemplary evidence of environmental commitment.”

From its curriculum and operations to investments, HSU has a longstanding commitment to sustainability. In 1987, HSU students created the Graduation Pledge of Social and Environmental Responsibility, which has become a tradition and has been adopted by many universities across the nation. Issues related to sustainability are incor-

porated into hundreds of classes, and many majors include a focus on the environment or social responsibility.

HSU was the first public university in California to ban the sale of single-use plastic water bottles on campus and currently offers several alternative transportation options.

The Humboldt State University Foundation also increased its investments in socially and environmentally responsible institutional mutual funds.

HSU was recently recognized by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, earning a STARS Gold rating. For more go to HSU’s Office of Sustainability.

Franek noted that The Princeton Review has seen a high level of interest among college applicants and their parents in colleges with green practices, programs, and offerings.

Sixty-six percent of the 12,845 respondents (college-bound teens and parents) to The Princeton Review’s 2020 College Hopes & Worries Survey said that having information about a college’s commitment to the environment would affect their (or their child’s) decision to apply to or attend a school.

A report on the survey findings is downloadable at princetonreview.com/college-hopes-worries.

For information, check HSU’s profile at [\[view.com\]\(https://princetonreview.com\).

How schools were chosen for the Guide

The Princeton Review chose the 416 colleges based on its survey of administrators at 695 colleges in 2019–20 concerning their institutions’ sustainability-related policies, practices, and programs. Survey topics ranged from academic offerings and campus initiatives to career preparation for “green” jobs.

More than 25 survey data points were analyzed by The Princeton Review editors to tally Green Rating scores for the schools on a scale of 60 to 99. Colleges that earned a Green Rating of 80 or higher made it into the guide.

Of the 416 schools in the 2021 edition, 393 are in the U.S., 22 are in Canada, and one is in Greece. The 416 schools are listed alphabetically in the guide and not ranked overall from 1 to 416. Colleges that earned a Green Rating of 99 made it onto The Princeton Review’s earlier \(August 2020\) reported Green Honor Roll, as well as this guide.

The Green Rating scores appear in the profiles of the schools in the guide on The Princeton Review website and in profiles of the schools in the 2021 editions of The Princeton Review books, *The Best 386 Colleges* \(published August 2020\) and *The Complete Book of Colleges* \(published July 2020\).](https://princetonre-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

PSC | Back on its feet, committee starts to chew through multiple tasks

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“One of my goals is to make sure we get through as much important goals that we can set,” she said. “Anything that has come up, we need to expedite... I don’t want us to get stuck.”

The committee then reviewed its 2020/2021 work plan, including major goals. “I’m hoping that this will serve as like a reboot to our committee,” Harris said.

The committee’s *Safe Arcata Guide* is still awaiting City Council approval. It’s unclear where online that will be posted.

The footbridge linking Humboldt State to Northtown across G Street is a continuing project. While some new lighting has been installed, there’s a dark spot at the footbridge’s G Street entrance which hosts a homeless encampment.

Browning said she’s looking at painting the bridge in conjunction with Humboldt State’s Art Department and Playhouse Arts. Local landscaping businesses will be contacted to see about planting the camp

areas with new “possibly prickly bushes.”

One person is said to be living on the bridge, leaving body waste in the area and clashing with businesses. Harris said there are two bridge residents, one with an elaborate encampment who harasses bridge users and steals from the surrounding neighborhood. The other, she said, “sits away so nobody sees and bothers him.”

The committee discussed strategies for addressing the problem, and the legal and policy limitations it must work under in doing so.

Ahearn said a foot patrol plan is in the works, but was scaled back due to decreased attendance and foot traffic because of the pandemic. The plan calls for foot patrols every 20 minutes with “a lot of meet and greets” and visits to storefronts.

The emerging Safe Arcata Plan, Lazon said, is being developed as a “template of how we would handle neighborhood by neighborhood or any issue that came up.” The *Guide* is a handout that’s part of that overall plan. The “road map” is to include

priorities for Arcata and how to go about identifying issues and finding solutions.

Lazon called it “A living document that will change over time,” and “a handbook of sorts” to maintain continuity as the committee proceeds.

To address civilian oversight of the police department, approaches to which the council has charged the committee with formulating, member Andrew Campbell suggested that a community survey be created, and his suggestion was well received.

Browning said there has been “significant pressure” for the committee to conduct oversight, but details are yet to be sealed. Campbell said the survey would help define its outlines. The committee discussed at length how comprehensive and detailed oversight might be.

Harris agreed that more community input would be helpful, but cautioned the committee not to get bogged down with the matter, but to make a recommendation to the City Council “and move on.”

Restoration of APD staffing during the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic offers an opportunity to reimagine and reformulate the police department, possibly creating new positions that depart from the traditional law enforcement model. But when that happens is an open question.

New positions could include social workers, mental health responders, community service officers, homeless specialists or others. The police union will have to be consulted as the redefinition proceeds.

Browning, who works at Arcata House Partnership, said the pandemic has massively complicated addressing homelessness, due to social distancing and other requirements which limit delivery of services.

Still to do is a review of the committee’s annual report to the City Council, though the next two PSC meetings are adjacent to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

Harris said the committee’s meeting agendas should be limited to two or three items “so we can really do the work on them.”

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WEAVING & CERAMICS



ONE-OF-A-KIND CREATIONS Weaver Carolyn Jones and ceramics artist Elaine Y. Shore both feature their recent, one-of-a-kind creations all through November at Arcata Artisans, 883 H St. on the Arcata Plaza. Only locally made work in many diverse media can be found at this cooperative gallery, including photography, metal work, both stained glass and cast glass, woodwork, jewelry, painting and printmaking, along with fiber arts and ceramics. Jones has been weaving since the 1980s when she studied at HSU. Known for her functional handwoven fabrics which combine lots of color with complex patterns, Jones always uses natural fibers. Her new work includes scarves, above left, in deflected double weave, a technique that interlaces two different layers of fabric to make complex designs. She also weaves “dishcloths,” and this year’s series combines cotton and linen woven in twill blocks. During the past year she has experimented with kumihimo, a Japanese braiding technique, combining fiber and beads to make integrated strande suitable for jewelry. Shore creates unique, hand painted and carved functional porcelain pieces, above right. “Over time, my work has become more complex, with a combination of painting, carving, textures and other surface decoration techniques. I use natural themes, including flowers, animals, birds and landscapes. My designs combine painting and ceramics, using the fine, white porcelain surfaces as my canvas. Some of my work is black and white, using a technique known as sgraffito to create striking vignettes, while some other pieces are very colorful and textural. My work keeps changing over time, so be prepared to see something new whenever you visit the gallery.” Visit Arcata Artisans Gallery Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. arcataartisans.com

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The history of local filmmaking

HUMBOLDT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
HUMBOLDT – The Humboldt County Historical Society offers its continuing Saturday lecture series on Saturday, Nov. 7 at 2:30 p.m.

The lecture, “Celebrating 100 Years of Filmmaking in the Redwood Region,” will be presented by Cassandra Hesseltine via Zoom hosted by the Humboldt County Library. The lecture can viewed from the safety and comfort of home on a personal computer, laptop, tablet or smart phone.

The deadline to sign up for access to the lecture is before 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 6.

The Redwood Region has been used as locations in filmmaking for over a century. The Humboldt-Del Norte Film Commission is dedicated to promoting California’s film-friendly Redwood Coast. From *Valley of the Giants* to *Return of the Jedi*, feature

films are only a part of the Film Commission projects. Learn more about the scope of projects, past, present and future

Hesseltine became the region’s film commissioner in fall of 2010. Prior to taking on the role of film commissioner, Hesseltine worked in film and theater. She is a graduate of Humboldt State University.

Those interested in the lecture can find more information at the library website humlib.org by clicking on the calendar of events and finding the event listed on Saturday, Nov. 7.

Assistance in signing up is available by phone at Humboldt County Library (707) 269-1915.

Links to instructional Youtube videos for guidance in understanding how to access the Zoom lecture are also available through the Humboldt County Library website.



FEATHERED FRIENDS

The HSU Natural History Museum is accepting enrollment in its weekly after-school science enrichment program called Feathered Friends to learn about birds, bird identification, bird habitats, bird migrations and much more. This hybrid independent and online program is for ages 9 to 12 year olds and will be through Zoom Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. starting Nov. 9 with independent activities to be done at home on Tuesday and Thursday. The cost is \$25 per week. Packets of materials are provided. Discounts apply for enrollment in all three weeks and for NHM members. For more information or to enroll your child go to humboldt.edu/natmus and find events.

STUDENT SPEAKER CONTEST

The McKinleyville Lions Club has announced the 84th Annual Student Speaker Contest with opportunities for high

school students to earn \$500 cash awards and scholarships of \$21,000. The 2021 topic is “Distance and On-Line Learning: Pros and Cons.” This six-level contest will begin in March 2021 and be held through June 2021. The McKinleyville Lions’ Club level will be held Saturday, March 13, 2021 at 2 p.m. at the Dow’s Prairie Grange. Interested high school students should contact the McKinleyville Lions Club for more information and sign up by calling (707) 496-9724 or emailing mck1962lions@aol.com. www.facebook.com/MckinleyvilleLions-Club.

SPEAKING GRIEF

In partnership with Hospice of Humboldt, KEET-TV invites you to a screening of the documentary *Speaking Grief*, which explores the transformative experience of losing a loved one in a society that avoids the discussion and the expression of loss. The documentary features seven grieving families from across

the country who have experienced losses ranging from suicide to stillbirth. Through candid personal stories and conversations with experts in the grief field, the film also presents ideas for how family and friends can better support each other through loss. On Wednesday, Nov. 4 from 6 to 8 p.m., there will be an online screening followed by a panel discussion. Dr. Jamie Jensen, the Director of The Full Life Institute at Humboldt State University will lead a conversation with Pat Basham, chaplain at Hospice of Humboldt, Autumn Spears from Evolve Youth Services, Dr. Virgil Moorehead Jr. from Two Feathers Native American Family Services, Pablo R. King Ortiz with New York Life and Dr. Gina Belton, palliative psychologist. Dr. Jensen will focus questions on the issues brought up in the film and take questions from the audience. You can sign up at OVEE.itvs.org. Go to KEET.org for more details.

A history mystery: Trinidad incorporation

It hasn’t always been clear as to the official incorporation date of Trinidad, now accepted as Nov. 7, 1870. The carefully researched *The History of Trinidad* was written by Dwight Manning in February 1957. He wrote:

“Some doubt exists as to the date that Trinidad first was incorporated as a town. Some of the pioneer residents of Trinidad, according to Miss Wilda Tomlinson who was the town clerk for six years, insisted that Trinidad was incorporated in 1850,” when the first Argonauts landed in their quest for gold and immediately laid out claims for land and elected a governing body.”

There was another opinion as to Trinidad’s incorporation. Manning quoted from information in D.L. Thornbury’s *Humboldt County, California Redwood Wonderland* (San Francisco Sunset Press 1923): “In 1912 it was discovered that the incorporation of 1852 had never been dissolved. Acting trustees were appointed by the Governor of California; an election was held and the population of one hundred keep up the government of Trinidad.”

Manning found more definitive information in the minutes of the Board of Supervisors of Klamath County for Monday, Nov. 7, 1870, which “deal with the matter of the petition for incorporation of the town of Trinidad. The petition stated that the population exceeds 200 in number, the majority of the inhabitants have signed the pe-

tion, and the metes and bounds of said incorporated town (were set)... And it is further ordered: that on Wednesday, the 14th day of December, A.D. 1870, an election be held, within the limits of said town of Trinidad, thus incorporated

for the election of five Trustees, a Treasurer, Assessor, and Marshall, and that E. Du Bertrand is hereby appointed Inspector and that J.A. Baldwin and Wm. F. Shelton are hereby appointed Judges of said election: and that a certified copy of this order be transmitted to the signers of said petition.”

Dwight Manning further tried to clear up the confusion caused by the statement of Leigh H. Irvine, in his *History of Humboldt County, California* published in 1915, that “Trinidad, the oldest town in California but one, is a picturesque village of 250 population.”

Manning wrote in 1957 to Walter C. Stutler, Deputy Secretary of State, State of California. Stutler replied regarding Trinidad’s incorporation date: “Strange as it may seem, this office has no document of official record setting forth incorporation. Prior to 1883, when the Municipal Corporation Bill of 1883 was passed, most incorporations were effected by legislative acts. There was a period of time when incorporations were by order of boards of supervisors under authority of Chapter 133, Statutes of 1856. It was necessary that the population exceed 200 and that the petition to the

board be signed by Qualified electors and showing the metes and bounds of the proposed town. This act did not require any filing with the Secretary of State. Therefore, prior to 1883, our office relied upon the statutes for dates of incorporation. Trinidad was never incorporated by legislative act. It is not, as far as we can ascertain, the second oldest municipal corporation. It is possible the community operated under some form of local government not provided for by law. Several towns were incorporated by legislative act in 1850 and these would have been older--officially. While we have nothing official to support our record of incorporation of Trinidad, our record shows Nov. 7, 1870, under authority of Chapter 133, Statutes of 1856, while a part of the former Klamath County.”

Another notable event of 1870 was the opening of Trinidad’s first school located on a 75’ x 150’ parcel, south of today’s Trinidad Cemetery, donated by J.P. and J. A. Hooper, prominent lumbermen and sawmill owners. It was a one-room, one-teacher school constructed by Henry Gastman at a cost of \$220.

C.R. Saunders taught there from 1870 to 1874. Nine or ten families sent their children to the new school.

The 1870s were busy prosperous times in Trinidad, with sawmills, the sawmill railroad, and the Trinidad Head Lighthouse all running by the end of 1871.

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.



❖ THEATRE IN THE AGE OF COVID-19

NCRT: Honoring your support

I’ve made no secret of how much North Coast Repertory Theatre’s survival has depended on the generosity and on-going support of so many of you. To each and everyone of you who has donated or re-

mained a contributing member, you are the reason NCRT is managing. Period.

And I’ve spent a lot of time over all these months thinking about how to honor and respect that support. In the early days, I considered introducing extras like member-exclusive events or other shows of appreciation.

While those are all still very much on the table, as this period continues to drag on it has become very clear to me we have to go bigger than that.

That’s why I’ve decided to introduce our Member Loyalty Program. It’s a fancy name for a simple concept. What it means is that if you’ve paid for a ticket, either by paying by the year or being a continuing member paying monthly, we will honor that ticket once it becomes safe and responsible to put on shows again. And to be clear, this will also be retroactive as well.

Of course, I realize if you continue to support NCRT (which I certainly hope you do!) after this period has passed, you may end up with a surplus of tickets – those tickets are great to bring friends with you (I don’t know about you, but I can’t express how much I look forward to big, laughing groups of my friends again...).

They’ll make great gifts to friends and family, and also we’re providing another option: If requested, we will mail your accumulated tickets to the non-profit or other community organization of your choice,

along with a note acknowledging your donation. This way, you can pay forwards your support of NCRT.

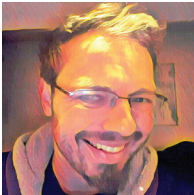
We’ve updated our website as well with information on this new program, and I definitely encourage anyone and everyone to consider helping and contributing to NCRT, or passing this along to your friends (ncrt.net).

The reality is NCRT still needs your help more than ever right now, and unfortunately that’s unlikely to change any time in the immediate future. COVID-19 is still devastating the live entertainment industry in ways that are almost impossible to comprehend.

Some surveys have predicted at least 90 percent of live entertainment venues are going under by next year. The Senate has gone on recess until Nov. 9, and the likelihood of future stimulus in 2020 is looking increasingly bleak. The cavalry’s not coming. Each and every one of you who contribute to NCRT are who are holding the line. It’s all you. And I continue, always, to be incredibly grateful.

All my best, always.

Calder Johnson is the managing artistic director of NCRT.



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OBITUARY

Brad John, 1948 - 2020

Bradford John was born in Los Angeles, Calif. to J.B. and Diggins John and spent most of his childhood in Marin County.

He moved to Arcata to attend HSU and began making friendships that would last the whole of his life. After graduation, he moved to Milwaukee in pursuit of his future wife, Cheryl Lynn Bruffy.

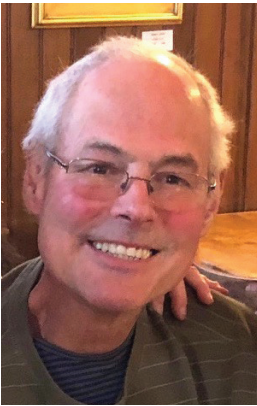
They briefly settled in Tahoe, where he worked as a lifeguard, then came back to Humboldt to build a house halfway up a mountain and across the way from college friends Robert and Trisha Stark.

This is where Brad lived for most of his life and where he raised his two children, Amy and Garret. Living way up on the mountain taught his kids that some families aren't connected by blood, but by a network of hiking trails between homes.

He was known for being humble and kind and always willing to help others. If someone wronged him he'd give them a second chance and a third chance. And sometimes a fourth.

He had multiple careers, but working in construction was the best fit. Many friends have something in their homes that he helped build.

He passed Thursday, Oct. 15 surrounded by the love of his family and friends.



He is survived by his sister, his two children, their spouses, his four granddaughters, the rest of the Tip Top Ridge family, and his countless friends who rallied around him during his battle with cancer.

Special gratitude is due to Jan Rowen who made it possible for him to continue to live in Humboldt these last few years.

During his last days he saw friends and family who had already passed. He discussed construction projects with Robert, who passed away last year. And at one point, between hallucinations, he turned to his daughter, and slowly, with some effort said: "They don't have to have everything perfect. They mostly need to know you care."

We love you Dad. Thanks for loving us, imperfections and all.

TRUE LOVE Tom and Anne Odom are celebrating 70 years of marriage. They met at a friend's house in Richmond, Calif. and married three months later on Nov. 4, 1950. Tom and Anne moved to Trinidad in 1956 and they continued to live and work there for 62 years. As a building contractor, Tom built numerous homes in Trinidad and the surrounding area and served as mayor from 1992 to 1994. They were both active and influential in Trinidad's civic, social and economic life. Their love for Trinidad was boundless and agreed they could not have picked a better place to raise their two daughters (Annette and Susie). Tom, 98, and Anne, 89, moved to the Portland, Oregon area in 2017 to be near their daughters and their grand- and great-grandchildren. Friends that would like to congratulate them in celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary can send card to: 7600 SW Vlahos Dr., #104, Wilsonville, OR 97070.



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❖ COLLECTING CHANGE

Your fortune's fallin' all over the town

The McKinleyville Senior Center is not able to reopen yet, but we're working on it and will be ready when the OK comes from the County Public Health.

I've missed writing for the paper but Zoom fatigue and sloth got to me. Thousands of books and articles are written about aging – how to deal with everything from arthritis to Zoom – attitudes, and platitudes.

The list is endless and depressing because they all seem undeniably good for me but who has time to keep up with the ever-changing life enhancing list.

I try to make changes as I age, some work, some don't. Trying to do this without alienating friends and family, and to deal with loss of those I love is dreadful.

Growing old takes work as does remembering I still have the inclination and the ability to generate what's needed. Some days everything seems to hurt when I get up in the morning.

But the little aches and pains remind me that I'm old, not dead. So, I've decided to get up go for a walk, stop isolating myself from things I love and get some exercise.

What to do first? Last March the McKinleyville Senior Center prepared to start our annual donation drive to connect seniors with technology when the global pandemic began spreading and our communities started to shut down, including the senior center.

It's sneaking up on a year and our little spring green collection jars have languished in my garage. So, I got off the couch, dusted off those jars, made twenty-six new ones and talked our executive director and another board member into

tramping all over the town to begin hand delivering them.

This long held tradition at the center began 25 years ago with a penny campaign by one of our founders, Eleanor Sullivan.

We are delighted with pennies, but years of inflation has expanded our outlook to include pennies to twenties. The reception we've received from local merchants, even in this stressful time, has been amazing. It's reaffirmed my belief that if we are to survive this current world-wide mess, shopping local is more important than ever before.

We are so grateful for all the donations from our generous supporters these past months. And, Amazon's Jeff Bezos has yet to send us a check, so please support local businesses... not all are independent, some are franchises, some are corporate, but they are here serving us.

Our communities would not be the same without them. They are supporting our efforts to help our seniors stay connected until we can safely reopen the McKinleyville Senior Center.

If you are a business in Trinidad, McKinleyville, Fieldbrook, Blue Lake, Valley West (or anywhere else) and would like to support our seniors, and have yet to get our cheery little green jar(s), please call me at (707) 845-2817 and I'll make sure you have as many as you want.

One last thing...our original jars were big and due to COVID protocols at counters and cash registers, we have multiple sizes to accommodate less space available.

They'll be collected weekly with many, many thanks. *Mad River Union*, Thank you, too.



❖ MCKINLEYVILLE SENIOR CENTER Patti Stammer

Students , teachers Zoom with local leaders

HUMBOLDT COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
HUMBOLDT –Two hundred and forty students and teachers from seven Humboldt County schools participated in a question and answer Zoom meeting with Assemblyman Jim Wood on Oct. 27.

The series of Zoom meetings, conducted by the Humboldt County Office of Education's "Education At Work" initiative was appropriately titled, "All About Civics."

In previous meetings, students and teachers convened with Humboldt County Registrar of Voters Kelly Sanders; Congressman Jared Huffman and Senator Mike McGuire during the series that was held in October.

"The question and answer forum was terrific! Senator McGuire was quite an inspiration to my students who attended. Also, my students were impressed with the high school students' questions, which was an added benefit I hadn't thought of," according to Sheree Shapiro, 7th and 8th grade Redwood Coast Montessori instructor. "My students have an idea now that high school students care about their government and have insightful thoughts about current issues! It's a triple win!"

Congressman Huffman said, "I make it a point to visit schools throughout my congressional district every year, and I always enjoy hearing from students. This year, high school students in

Humboldt County asked thought-provoking and critical questions about the state of the pandemic, policies like gun violence prevention and wildland management. While this year has presented new virtual challenges, we were able to have an incredibly thoughtful dialogue thanks to an engaged group of students," Huffman added.

The Humboldt County Office of Education promotes student initiatives to further advance educational and vocational opportunities.

It often sponsors community outreach and participatory events through its "Education At Work" initiatives.

More information can be found at hcoe.org/education-at-work.

BIRTHS, WEDDINGS AND OBITUARIES The *Union* publishes birth and wedding announcements and obituaries up to 250 words free of charge. Photos are welcome. Email announcements, with photos attached separately, to editor@madriverunion.com by 5 p.m. Friday for Wednesday publication.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
WILLIAM RICHARD WOOTEN

CASE NO.: PR2000242
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:

WILLIAM RICHARD WOOTEN, RICH WOOTEN, RICH WOOTEN, RICH WOOTEN
Petition for Probate has been filed by: **MIKE HILL** in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT. The Petition for Probate requests that: **MIKE HILL** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedents will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not

grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: NOV. 12, 2020
Time: 2:00 PM
Dept.: 6
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

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If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California

Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for the petitioner: **LAURENCE A. KLUCK MATHEWS, KLUCK, WALSH, WYKLE & LATT, LLP**
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CITY OF ARCATA NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR ARCATA BIKE SHARE SYSTEM

The City of Arcata Engineering Department is seeking a qualified firm to create and service a bike share system in Arcata, California. The City is seeking an all-inclusive proposal that would include the design of the bike share system and docking stations, any necessary software and hardware, future fundraising/sponsorship assistance, marketing and communications support, maintenance, repair and replacement of bicycles, and redistribution of bicycles among the stations. The System should have a minimum of four stations with 4 to 5 bicycles at each station to start, with an option and goal to expand the system as funds become available. The goal of this System is to provide an affordable, equitable, and easy-to-use system that facilitates enjoyment and provides an alternative and convenient transportation option for Humboldt State University (HSU) students, residents and visitors. Proposals for this work will be received until 4:00

p.m. on Friday, December 4, 2020. Proposals may be submitted either on a USB drive or compact disc within a sealed envelope delivered to the City Manager's Office, 736 F Street, Arcata, California, or via email attachments delivered to: dallred@cityofarcata.org, with "Bike Share System Proposal" in the email subject line or on the front of the sealed envelope. Proposals will be evaluated and ranked by a Selection Committee. The award for this contract is anticipated to be made at the Arcata City Council's meeting on December 16, 2020. The Request for Proposals Package for this work can be obtained on the City's website, www.cityofarcata.org under "Bids." Direct Inquiries to: Danielle Allred, Contracts & Special Projects Manager
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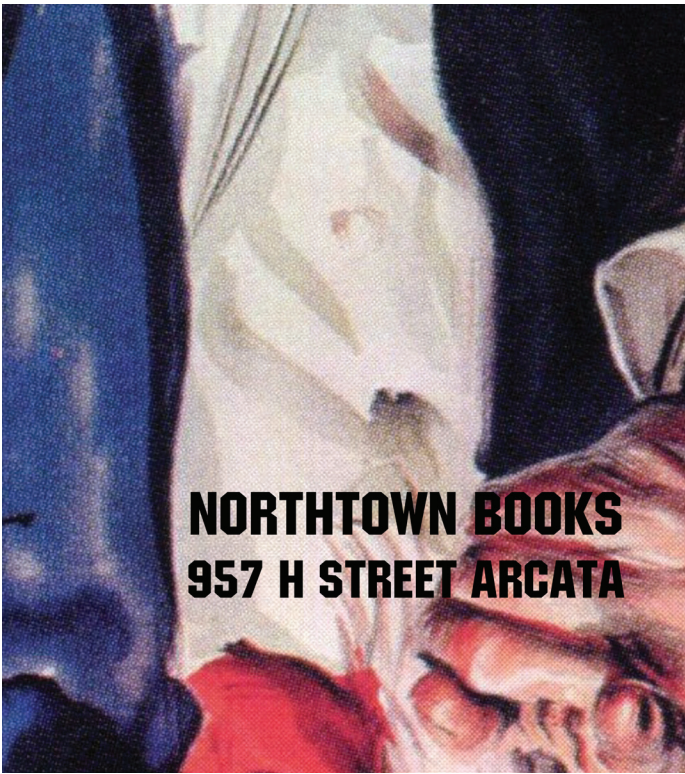
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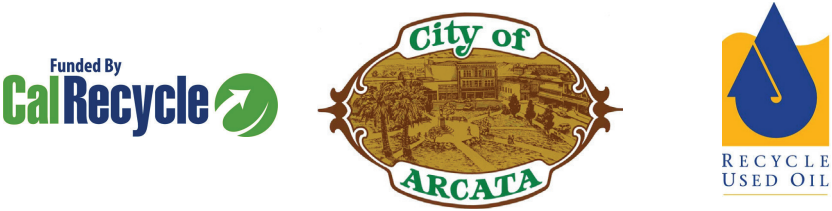
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